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In re Application of :
Liang-Yuh Chen et al :
Application No. 10/033,732 : DECISION GRANTING PETITION
Filed: December 27, 2001 : UNDER 37 CFR 1.313(c)(2)
Attorney Docket No. AMAT/4100.P1/CMP/ RKK :

This is a decision on the petition, filed May 19, 2005, under 37 CFR 1.313(c)(2) to withdraw the above-identified application from issue after payment of the issue fee.

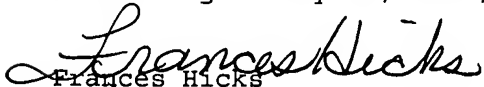
The petition is **GRANTED**.

The above-identified application is withdrawn from issue for consideration of a submission under 37 CFR 1.114 (request for continued examination). See 37 CFR 1.313(c)(2).

Petitioner is advised that the issue fee paid on May 14, 2004 in the above-identified application cannot be refunded. If, however, the above-identified application is again allowed, petitioner may request that it be applied towards the issue fee required by the new Notice of Allowance.¹

Telephone inquiries should be directed to the undersigned at (571) 272-3218.

Upon receipt of the file in the Office of Petitions and association of the instant petition, RCE, IDS and decision on petition with the file, the file will be forwarded to Technology Center AU 3723 for processing of the request for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114 and for consideration of the Information Disclosure Statement mailed under separate cover by certificate of mailing on May 19, 2005, as shown by the copy supplied with the petition.



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¹ The request to apply the issue fee to the new Notice may be satisfied by completing and returning the new Issue Fee Transmittal Form PTOL-85(b), which includes the following language thereon: "Commissioner for Patents is requested to apply the Issue Fee and Publication Fee (if any) or re-apply any previously paid issue fee to the application identified above." Petitioner is advised that, whether a fee is indicated as being due or not, the Issue Fee Transmittal Form must be completed and timely submitted to avoid abandonment. Note the language in bold text on the first page of the Notice of Allowance and Fee(s) Due (PTOL-85).